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Stated Meeting, October 5, 1900.

Curator MORRIS in the Chair.

Present, 14 members.

Letters were read from Messrs. Cyrus Adler, Edward Patterson and Henry F. Keller, accepting membership in the Society.

The decease of the following members was announced :

John Ashhurst, Jr., M.D., on July 7, 1900.

James Biddle Leonard, on July 14, 1900.

Franklin Platt, on July 24, 1900.

Fairman Rogers, on August 22, 1900.

Sir John Bennett Lawes, on August 30, 1900.

J. M. DaCosta, M.D., on September 11, 1900.

Claudio Jannet.

The following papers were read :

By R. H. Mathews, "On the Origin, Organization and Ceremonies of the Australian Aborigines," and on "Phallic Rites and Initiation Ceremonies of the South Australian Aborigines."

By Dr. R. W. Shufeldt, on "The Osteology of the Woodpeckers."

By Charles G. Leland, on "The Old Mill of Newport."

By Perziker Karoly, on the subject of electricity.

The Society was adjourned by the presiding officer.